

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled)

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) A reproducing apparatus comprising:

a storage device having two files into which dynamic data is written;

time setting means for setting a time;

a memory for storing time data corresponding to said time set by said time setting means;

a controller for reading said dynamic data from said storage device according to said time data stored in said memory; and

selector means operable by a user ~~for~~ of the apparatus for selecting one of said two files to which the dynamic data is to be written,

wherein a plurality of units of dynamic data are written into said storage device, and said units of dynamic data are written by said controller into the one of said two files included in said storage device selected by the user using said selector means, and

wherein each of said two files can be written to by a plurality of units of dynamic data.

Claim 12. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said controller includes means for carrying out writing into said memory, correlating said time data specified by said time setting means with said dynamic data stored in said storage device, and reading from said storage device said dynamic data corresponding to said specified time data.

Claim 13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said controller comprises a clock section, and when said clock section coincides with said specified time data stored in said memory, said controller reads out said dynamic data from said storage device.

Claim 14. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said reproducing apparatus comprises a conversion circuit for converting said dynamic data read from said storage device into an analog signal.

Claim 15. (Canceled)

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) A recording and/or reproducing apparatus comprising:

a microphone;

an analog to digital converting circuit for converting an

output signal from said microphone into a digital output signal;

a semiconductor memory including two files for storing said digital output signal from said analog to digital converting circuit;

a selector operable by a user of the apparatus for selecting one of said two files to which the digital output signal is to be written;

a digital to analog converting circuit for converting a digital signal read from said semiconductor memory into an analog output signal;

an input device operable by a the user of said apparatus for entering at least a recording start, a recording end, and a reproduction start mode;

a controller for controlling in response to an input from said input device a writing of said digital signal from said analog to digital converting circuit into said semiconductor memory and a reading of a stored digital signal from said the selected one of said two files of semiconductor memory; and

a cabinet in which said microphone, said analog/digital converting circuit, said digital/analog converting circuit, and said input device are arranged,

wherein said output signal from said microphone converted by said analog to digital converting circuit into said digital output signal is written into the one of said two files selected by said selector as audio data, and

wherein each of said two files can be written by a plurality of units of audio data.

Claim 17. (Canceled)

Claim 18. (Previously Presented) The recording and/or reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 16, wherein said controller includes means for selectively reading out from said storage device said digital signal specified by said input device and for supplying said digital signal to said digital to analog converting circuit.

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) The recording and/or reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 16, wherein

said controller controls a start of said writing of said digital output signal from said analog to digital converting circuit into the selected one of said two files of said semiconductor memory and a stop of said writing into said semiconductor memory in response to an input from said input device; and

after said input device is operated and a predetermined time interval has lapsed said controller controls the start of said writing into the selected one of said two files of said semiconductor memory of said digital output signal from said analog to digital converting circuit.

Claims 20-24 (Canceled)

Claim 25. (Currently Amended) The recording and/or reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 16, wherein

said semiconductor memory comprises a first semiconductor memory including said two files and

said input device includes time setting means for setting a time

and further comprising a second semiconductor memory for storing time data of said time set by said time setting means; and

said controller includes means for reading out a digital signal from the selected one of said two files of said first semiconductor memory according to the time data stored in said second semiconductor memory.

Claim 26. (Previously Presented) The recording and/or reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 25 wherein said controller writes said time data corresponding to said time set by said time setting means into said second semiconductor memory corresponding to a digital signal stored in said first semiconductor memory; and according to said set time reads out a digital signal corresponding to said set time from said first semiconductor memory.

Claim 27. (Previously Presented) The recording and/or reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 26, wherein said controller comprises a clock section and when said clock section coincides with said time data stored in said second semiconductor memory said controller reads out a digital signal from said first semiconductor memory.

Claim 28. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 16, further comprising

display means for displaying an identification identifying said stored digital signal,

wherein said cabinet includes a notched portion arranged on an upper left of a surface thereof having said display means.

Claim 29. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 28, wherein said input device includes a button for entering a reproducing start mode, said button is arranged in said notched portion of said cabinet.

Claim 30. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 16, wherein said cabinet has a hand strap for use when said user carries said reproducing apparatus.

Claim 31. (Currently Amended) A recording and/or reproducing apparatus comprising:

a microphone;

an analog to digital converting circuit for converting an output signal from said microphone into a digital output signal containing digital audio data;

a semiconductor memory including two files for storing said digital output signal from said analog to digital converting circuit, each said file being written to by a plurality of digital audio data;

a selector operable by a user of the apparatus for selecting one of said two files to which the digital audio data is to be written;

a digital to analog converting circuit for converting a digital signal read from said semiconductor memory into an analog output signal;

a first input device operable by the user of said apparatus for entering a recording start mode;

a second input device operable by a the user of said apparatus for entering a reproducing start mode;

~~a second input device operable by a user of said apparatus for entering a reproducing start mode;~~

a controller for controlling in response to an input from said first input device a writing of said digital output signal from said analog to digital converting circuit into said semiconductor memory and in response to an input from said input device a reading out of a stored digital signal from said semiconductor memory;

display means for displaying identification information of

said stored digital signal; and

a cabinet in which said microphone, said analog/digital conversion circuit, said digital to analog converting circuit, and, said first input device, said second input device, and said display means are arranged.

wherein said second input device is arranged at an upper left of a surface of said cabinet having said display means, and said second input device is operated with the user's left thumb.

Claim 32. (Currently Amended) The reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 11, further comprising

display means for displaying an identification identified said stored digital signal,

wherein the reproducing apparatus includes a notched portion arranged on an upper left of a surface of ~~said cabinet~~ thereof having said display means mounted thereon.

Claim 33. (Currently Amended) The reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 32 further comprising,

an input device operable by the user of said apparatus for entering at least a recording start mode, a recording end mode, and a reproduction start mode,

wherein said input device includes a button for entering a reproducing start mode, said button is being arranged in said notched portion.

Claim 34. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 16, wherein said cabinet has a hand strap to be used when said user carries said reproducing apparatus.